

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- U.S. patent application ~~Serial No. 09/~~ ,
~~assignee docket number END9-2000-0093-US1~~ Serial No.
09/813,910 filed 21 March 2001 entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD
FOR VIRTUAL PRIVATE NETWORK NETWORK ADDRESS TRANSLATION
PROPAGATION OVER NESTED CONNECTIONS WITH COINCIDENT LOCAL
ENDPOINTS" is assigned to the same assignee hereof and
contains subject matter related, in certain respect, to the
subject matter of the present application. The
above-identified patent application is incorporated herein
by reference.--.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Scenario C addresses the problem of overlapping IPs.
An ISP, in assigning IP addresses to its clients, will
ensure that for these clients, each IP is unique. 'ISP'
here means each ISP's point of connection. So, for example,

if Time Warner had multiple domains across the country, each one would assign unique IP's to its clients, and each would establish an outer routing VPN connection to the enterprise gateway. The problem of clients with overlapping IP's comes from these multiple outer connections, all to the same gateway. The current invention solves this problem, but only when L2TP is used. Copending patent application ~~END920000093~~ S/N 09/813,910 filed 21 March 2001 solves this problem via VPN NAT.--.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Referring to scenario C, client PC 10 is provided by remote gateway Internet service provider (ISP) 12 a non-dedicated IP address of some type. Both connections t1 28 and t2 30 end at the enterprise gateway 16 as represented by local coincident endpoint 42. By using L2TP with virtual PPP 32 to assign an IP address from the internal network 18 to the remote PC 10 via connection t3 32, 34, PC 10 can now communicate directly with the internal network as is represented by the IP connection 34. Copending patent application Serial No. 09/813,910 filed 21 March 2001~~7 assignee docket number END9-2000-0093-US1~~, provides an

alternative solution for providing nested tunnels with local coincident endpoints using the VPN NAT function described in co-pending U.S. patent application S/N 09/240,720 filed 29 Jan 1999.--.